

WRTAC
April 12, 2013
Community Medical Center

Called to order at 1155 by Dr. Gildea

Introductions made
Previous minutes approved

SQL presentations:

St Patrick Hospital

(#1) 72 yo female Fall. Transferred from another facility. Takes plavix. DC'd home to return to ED. Could we improve DC planning? Discussion anticoagulants and the problems of reversal.

(#2) 77yo male. MVC sternal and scapular fractures. Direct admit from smaller facility. Hx of pulmonary fibrosis.

(#3) 18yo male. Ejection mvc. Highway speeds. Splenectomy. Good outcome. Activation discussion. If transfusion is initiated from outlying facility it should be an auto alert .

Kalispell Regional /NVH

(#1) Transferred IN- Head injury. Electronic records made it difficult to follow story. GCS 3. Ethical considerations.

(#2) MVC with drop from 50 foot cliff. Vertebral dissection, head injury with death in same vehicle.

Discussion of Denver criteria with Dr Bulger from Harborview.

Saint Luke Community Hospital

(#1) 55yo female fell back into dumpster. Difficult extrication.

(#2) End over end rollover with self extrication.

(#3) 14yo female unrestrained passenger with femur fx.

Kudos to EMS in Ronan community for their excellent response.

New Trauma Conference at Harborview in September.

New Business: Dr Bulger from Harborview visiting today.

(#1) 17yo F Amputated leg. Early control of external iliac artery and vein by suture ligation. Bleeding controlled then transferred to Harborview. Good outcome. Ambulating with prosthesis.

(2) 30yo male fell while ICE climbing. Multiple Spinal injuries. Very rural. deadly delays.

Discussion of: what constitutes a Rural Area. 2) rural trauma mortality 3) Limit access to resources 4) inclusive vs. exclusive trauma systems 4) Components of a trauma system 5) Rural trauma team development course. 6) Washington Trauma State care guidelines.

Sandi Stroot : Organ Donation/ Lifecenter NW. Organ donation discussion . Early call is very important and greatly effects outcome. Higher donor rates in WA and Montana. LCNW.org for info for info for pronouncing brain death.

Old Business:

- 1) **North Dakota Trauma Manual Update-** For use of ED providers and staff. Currently available on state website!

State Report:

- EMS-C: Joe Hansen retired
- Welcome to Robin Suzor as the new EMS-C Coordinator
- Position open; Trauma System Manager

STCC Welcome new member Joy Fortin, RN, KRMC, MT Trauma Coordinators

Reappointments; Brad Pickhardt, MD, Missoula, Western RTAC

Lauri Jackson, RN, NP, Great Falls, Central RTAC

Brad VonBergen, RN, Billings, Eastern RTAC

Fred Bartoletti, MD, Anaconda, MMA

DESIGNATED MT Trauma Facilities: 41!

8 Non-CAH

32 CAH

1 Clinic

ACS Level II/MT Regional TC: 4

ACS Level III/MT Area TH: 3

MT Area TH: 1

Community Trauma Facility: 7

MT Trauma Receiving Facility: 26

Re-designations;

Ronan (10/11) CTF

Polson (10/12) CTF

Big Timber (11/6) TRF

Ennis (11/7)

NEW designation reviews;

White Sulfur Springs TRF (7/19)

Terry TRF (9/27)

Havre ATF (11/15)

Plus lots of Focused reviews

DESIGNATION CRITERIA CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY PI SUBCOMMITTEE

2013 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium

Web-Based Collector IS HERE!

Rural Flexgrant Funds will be used to support training of ICD-9 codes and finance support for physician site reviews and Montana Treatment manual.

New ATLS books with new content including: new cases with changed moulage scenarios, new triage and adding heat related injuries to the curriculum.

EMS UPDATE

BOME and proposed rule changes

Educational opportunities increased including PHTLS

PREVENTIVE MORTALITY STUDY ALMOST COMPLETE.

Some early “front runner” issues of note;

- Lack of consistency in EMS documentation for
deceased patients
- Differences in trauma care provided for elderly patients; comorbidities, medical care
- What constitutes “Futile Resuscitation”?

System Issues

Pediatric neurosurgery

Bariatric Trauma

Air medical guidelines

Anti-coagulated trauma patients

Hypothermia

Fluid resuscitation

Air to ground communication

STCC for 2013 is posted on State website.

Injury Prevention: Bobbi at bperkins@mt.gov

Legislative update

Data Reports

Fall prevention

- Injury Prevention Coalition
- Thursday, April 25, 2013, 10a- 2:00p
- MT Seat Belt Workgroup
- Thursday, May 2nd, 10a-11:30a

Preparedness

BDLS

ADLS

Hospital Preparedness Grant

PHTLS

EMS -Children:

Emergency Care Committee:

How much money should we use to support RMRTS?

Avg 3700 dollars a year for scholarships to symposium. Current balance 4091.00

Paying a tax/fee to increase trauma monies. MVC's taxes. Discussion. We will continue to support scholarships as in the past as agreed by the group.

Alert is offering phtls and willing to go to any facility for cost.

RN MEETING

Discussion of trauma criteria and difficulty capturing the elderly population.
Traci Jasnicki presented Over and Undertriage: How is our criteria working?

MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND EMS

Flight frequency of communication between EDP and facilities

Discussion air medical considerations

Discussion flight issues in the Western region.

Discussion of channel for air communication.

ROUNDTABLE:

- 1) CMC adjusting to Cerner .
- 2) Ruby Valley is looking into getting grant for Rural Hospital Funds
- 3) Dillon has a change in radiology staff. Nursing director is negotiating a contract with ambulance service.
- 4) Mock DUI April 29th at Polson High School
- 5) Superior is starting Next-Gen
- 6) St Patrick hosting TNCC and participating in “It’s Your Choice”
- 7) Butte has new TNC-Todd. Increase airlift due to use of Summit.
- 8) Granite County getting ready for designation.
- 9) St Luke is looking for EDP’s

Next Meeting July 11th at St. Patrick Hospital.